

itinerary

Culture and Heritage Circle Tour

Nestled amidst the majestic splendor of the towering Coast Mountains, lies a land of such beauty that you are left breathless. The soothing waves of the sparkling Pacific Ocean calm your soul as you witness dramatic seascapes and smell the aroma of red cedar in the thick, verdant forests that surround you. The seaside slips away into lush, rolling vineyards and remarkable rock formations that touch the clouds and line the jagged river valleys. It is no wonder world-class culture and heritage come alive, with so much natural inspiration encircling its heart.

Vancouver, Coast & Mountains Region embraces an abundance of rich cultural heritage, from First Nations treasures to a symphony of sights, sounds and masterpieces. The breathtaking imagery provides an ideal backdrop for interpretive museums, unique festivals, and decorative First Nations exhibits. Coupled with the interesting relics from the region's gold rush history, this tour offers you the perfect diverse holiday, affluent in culture and relaxation.



Total Distance Travelled: 568 km / 341 miles

Tour Distance:

Destination	Drive Time	Visit Time
Day 1: Vancouver to Harrison Hot Springs	2 hours	7 hours
Day 2: Harrison Hot Springs to Pemberton	3.5 hours	4.5 hours
Day 3: Pemberton to Vancouver	4.75 hours	4.5 hours

Route:

Vancouver - Fort Langley - Mission - Harrison Hot Springs - Yale - Boston Bar - Lytton - Lillooet - Pemberton - Whistler - Squamish - North Vancouver

Festivals and Events

World Championship Sand Sculpture
Sep 7 - Oct 11, 2004 - Harrison Hot Springs
www.harrisand.org

Lillooet Gold Rush Days
July 23 - 25, 2004 - Lillooet

Squamish Days Logger Sports
July 31 - August 1, 2004 - Squamish
www.squamishdays.org

Cornucopia, Whistler's Food & Wine Celebration
Nov 3 - 7, 2004 - Whistler
www.tourismwhistler.com/cornucopia

Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival
Jun 3 - Sep 26, 2004 - Vancouver
www.bardonthebeach.org

4th Annual Chinatown Arts & Cultural Festival
July 3 - 24 - Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park Courtyard - Vancouver
www.vancouverchinesegarden.com

HSBC Celebration of Light - Fireworks
July 28 - August 7, 2004 - English Bay, Vancouver
www.celebration-of-light.com

VANCOUVER
COAST & MOUNTAINS



SUPER, NATURAL

BRITISH COLUMBIA®

Truly a Masterpiece...

Day 1

Begin your holiday in Downtown Vancouver. Climb aboard on one of the quaint, turn-of-the-century, San Francisco-style trolleys for your first peek into the history and heritage of Vancouver. **Vancouver Trolley Co.** offers informative tours in a unique hop-on, hop-off format, so you can customize your journey through Vancouver's colourful history. For the Vancouver portion of this tour, use **Vancouver Trolley Co.** as your transportation.

1. Gastown: Your first stop will be at the famous steam clock in **Gastown**. Named after "Gassy Jack", these cobble-stoned streets and quaint stores mark the beginning of what Vancouver is today. Take your time to stroll the unique shops before heading to **Storyeum**, Vancouver's newest attraction.

Downtown Vancouver, Travel Time: 0 min., Visit Time: 30 min.

2. Storyeum: This 80-minute entertaining and informative tour explores pivotal developments in Western Canada's colourful history and enraptures you with powerful storytellers and performers, compelling set designs, and modern technology to bring history to life.

Gastown, Travel Time: 0 min., Visit Time: 1.5 hr.

3. Vancouver Art Gallery: The Vancouver Art Gallery, the largest art gallery in western Canada, presents national and international exhibitions of works by a range of artists, from groundbreaking contemporary visionaries to historical masters. View over 200 works by famous local artist Emily Carr, as well as various seasonal exhibitions.

Downtown Vancouver, Travel Time: 1.5 min., Visit Time: 45 min.

Optional Stop: The Rose Gardens – Stanley Park: If you are visiting in June or July, stop at these colourful and glorious gardens. The Rose Gardens, situated just steps from the Georgia Street entrance to the park, is a true inspiration and a "must see" for garden enthusiasts.

Downtown Vancouver – Stanley Park, Travel Time: 45 min., Visit Time: 20 min.

4. Granville Island: Journey through the bustle of narrow streets, witness art in the making, and discover a unique selection of items you can't find anywhere else in the city. Experience the intertwined wonders of culture, food, history and fun.

Vancouver Centre, Travel Time: 1.25 hr. from Gastown stop, Visit Time: 1 hr., Lunch

5. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden: Located in the heart of Vancouver's Chinatown, behind white washed walls, you cross the threshold into the intimate enclave of the first full scale Ming Dynasty style garden build outside of China. It's tranquil ponds, natural rock sculptures, courtyards, plants, and myriad of other elements creates an environment which is harmonious and peaceful.

Chinatown, Travel Time: 20 min., Visit Time: 35 min.

Wrapping up your informative and creative tour with Vancouver Trolley Co., you begin the self drive portion and head towards Mighty Fraser Country along Trans Canada Highway 1.

6. Fort Langley National Heritage Site: Built in 1827, Fort Langley was part of the Hudson's Bay Company's network of fur trading posts across what is now Western Canada. Today, Fort Langley evokes a sense of historic place with one original building and several reconstructed buildings, costumed interpreters, historic objects and special events.

Fort Langley, Follow Hwy 1 to Fort Langley. Approx. 47km. Travel Time: 45 min., Visit Time: 45 min.

7. Xaytem Longhouse Interpretive Centre:

Xaytem is a 9000-year old village site that features a pit house, a sacred transformer stone, and "B.C.'s Oldest House." Xaytem has been a gathering place for "People of the River" for thousands of years, and continues to be a place of sharing and teaching of Sto:lo culture, history, archaeology and spirituality.

Mission, Cross Fraser River on Albion Ferry, Follow Hwy 7 to Mission. Approx. 20 km. Travel Time: 10 min. crossing on Albion Ferry, 20 min. drive, Visit Time: 45 min.

8. Harrison Hot Springs: Harrison Hot Springs is proud of its pristine environment, spectacular natural scenery and wildlife. Relax in rejuvenating hot springs mineral water, hike, bike or cruise the 40 mile lake. Stay overnight at the luxurious **Harrison Hot Springs Resort** or the **Executive Hotel Harrison Hot Springs**.

Harrison Hot Springs, Follow Hwy 7 to Harrison. Approx. 45 km. Travel Time: 45 min., Overnight Stay. Dinner.

Total Driving Time: 2 hours drive time, 1.75 hours on Trolley Tour. Total Visit Time: Approx. 7 hours.

Day 2

Begin your second day of culture and heritage following in the steps of the Gold Rush Pioneers, where startling beauty and towering rock formations accent the rich history of the region.

1. Historic Yale: A walking tour of the historic town explores one of the west's largest and most colourful Gold Rush towns. Down on the waterfront, look for the old rings embedded in the rocks to moor the old sternwheelers at the riverboat landing situated here between 1858 and 1885. Visit the **Church of St. John the Divine**, the oldest church in British Columbia.

Yale, Follow Hwy 7 to Hwy 1. Head Northeast on Hwy 1 to Yale. Approx. 70 km. Travel Time: 50 min. Visit Time: 45 min.

2. Hell's Gate Airtram: Ride in comfort over wild white water to this beautiful landscaped historic site. The massive International Fishways can be seen from the suspension bridge and observation decks. Facilities include: Gold Panner Gift Shop, Ice Cream Parlor, Fudge Factory, Smoked Salmon Shack, Skuzzy General Store and Fisheries/Education Center. **Boston Bar**, Follow Hwy 1 to Hell's Gate. Approx. 25 km. Travel Time: 40 min., Visit Time: 1.5 hr. Lunch.

3. Lytton Museum: Lytton Museum is contained in an ex-company house. The building was built by the Canadian National Railway as a residence in 1942. It was acquired by the Village fifty years later, and was renovated in the early 1990s into its present state.

Lytton, Follow Hwy 1 to Lytton. Approx. 60 km. Travel Time: 45 min. Visit Time: 30 min.

4. Lillooet Museum: Visit the **Lillooet Museum** and view its First Nations and Gold Rush era relics. Visit the **Old Bridge** in Lillooet. It was built in 1913 and is a suspension bridge of steel cables and wood with 'dead men' embedded in the rock banks of the river. Visit the **Miyazaki Heritage Home**, called the most beautiful home in Lillooet, the former Miyazaki residence was built in the 1880's.

Lillooet, Follow Hwy 12 to Lillooet. Approx. 66 km. Travel Time: 1.25 hr., Visit Time: 1.5 hr.

5. Pemberton: Take in the sights of this cultural town, once bustling with Gold Rush activity, now known for its famous "seed potatoes". View the unique town and stay overnight at **Pemberton Valley Lodge** or a quaint B&B such as **Home Comforts Bed & Breakfast**.

Pemberton, Head Northeast on Hwy 99. Approx. 76 km. Travel Time: 1.25 hr., Overnight Stay.

Total Driving Time: 4 hr. 45 min. Total Visit Time: Approx. 4 hr. 15 min.

Day 3

Your third day takes you through Squamish, back to Vancouver along the stunning Coast Mountains. View the sparking waves of the Pacific Ocean rushing to meet these majestic mountains, creating a gorgeous canvas of natural imagery.

Optional Stop: Whistler: This charming four-season destination is nestled between world-renowned Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Explore the pedestrian-only pathways of Whistler Village leading to intriguing shops, charming boutiques and sidewalk cafes. **Whistler**, Follow Hwy 99 South to Whistler. Approx. 49 km. Travel Time: 40 min. Visit Time: 1 hr.

1. West Coast Railway Heritage Park: "Home of the Royal Hudson" and Western Canada's largest collection of heritage Railway equipment - dating back to 1890. Caboose, snowplows and locomotives are ready for you to climb aboard.

Squamish, Continue on Hwy 99, Approx 108 km from Pemberton. Travel Time: 1 hr. 45 min. Visit Time: 1 hr. Optional Lunch Stop: Howe Sound Inn & Brewing Co. in Squamish.

2. BC Museum of Mining: Travel back through time at this unique British Columbia copper mine. A train ride through the mine, along with interpretive guides and hands-on activities brings history alive for an underground adventure that is not soon forgotten.

Squamish, Follow Hwy 99 South, Approx. 10 km. Travel Time: 9 min. Visit Time: 1.5 hr. + 1 hr. lunch. Lunch stop: either Britannia Beach Coffee House or follow Hwy. 99 south 28 km to Horseshoe Bay for Trolls Restaurant or the Boathouse.

3. Capilano Suspension Bridge: Make your way across Vancouver's most famous landmark, this impressive suspension bridge. Capilano's newest treetop adventure allows you to view the beautiful park from mini-suspension bridges in the trees! Watch as totem poles are carved and end your day with the ultimate West Coast experience, a traditional salmon barbecue potlatch, available for groups of 25 or more at the **Bridge House Restaurant**.

North Vancouver. Follow Hwy 99 south to North Vancouver. Approx. 40 km. Travel Time: 30 min., Visit Time: 1 hr.

Total Driving Time: 2 hr. 45 min. Total Visit Time: Approx. 4.5 hr.

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